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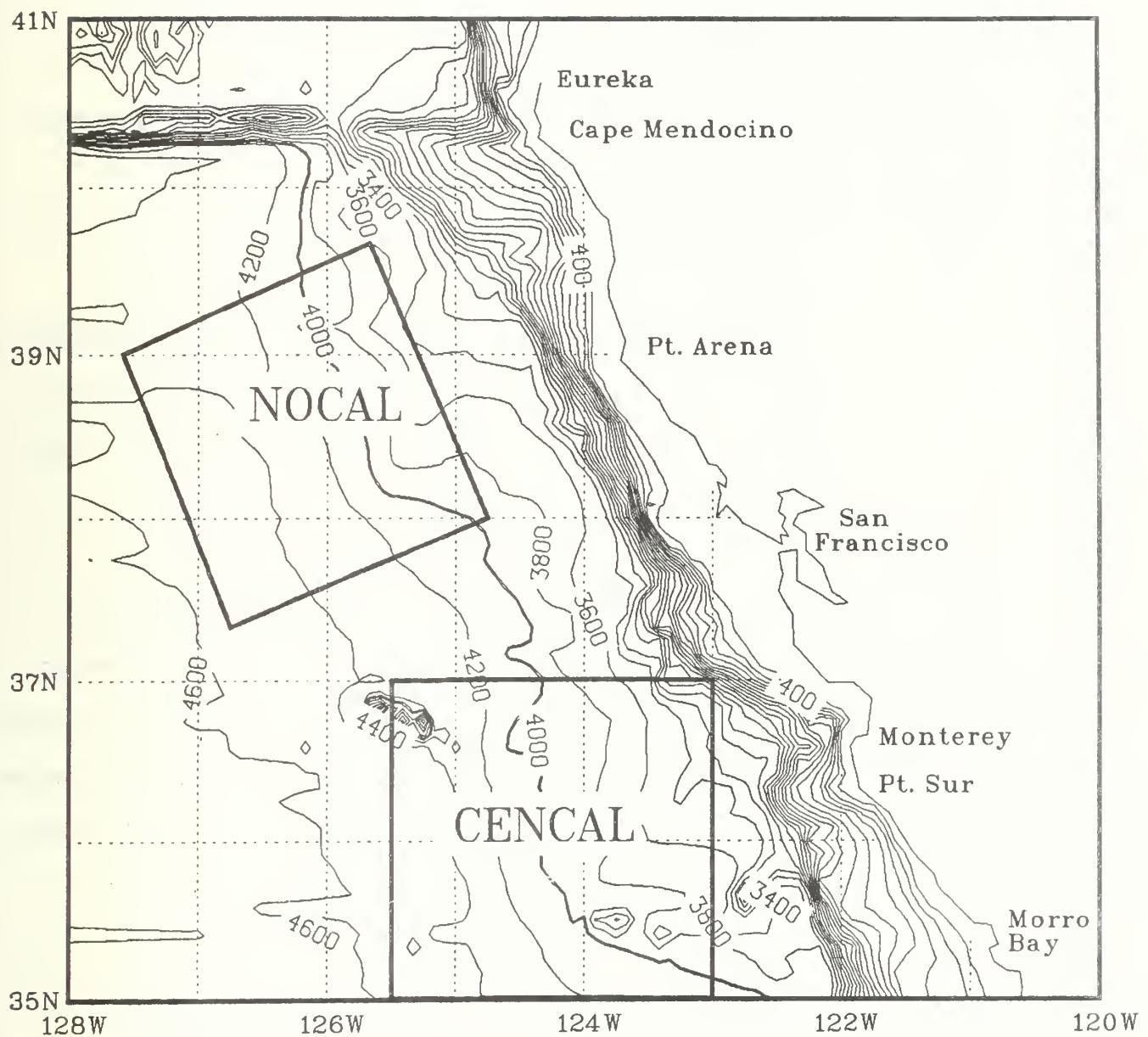


Figure 1:

The NOCAL and CENCAL subdomains of the OPTOMA Program. Isobaths are shown in meters.

INTRODUCTION

The OPTOMA (Ocean Prediction Through Observations, Modeling and Analysis) Program, a joint NPS/Harvard program sponsored by ONR, seeks to understand the mesoscale (fronts, eddies, and jets) variability and dynamics of the California Current System and to determine the scientific limits to practical mesoscale ocean forecasting. To help carry out the aims of this project, a series of cruises has been planned in two subdomains, NOCAL and CENCAL, shown in Figure 1.

The cruise OPTOMA1 was undertaken, on the R/V ACANIA, in March, 1982 and covered part of the NOCAL domain which is roughly 200 km square centered 150 km off the California coast.

From March 8 to 13, hydrographic data were acquired along the tracks shown in Figure 2. In the rectangular domain, roughly 90 km across-shore by 120 km alongshore, the series of parallel transects directed alongshore were separated by about 18 km. Along-track station spacing was about 8.8 km. In addition, there were tracks to and from the domain.

DATA ACQUISITION

During OPTOMA1 XBT profiles, bucket surface temperature and water samples for salinity were taken at every station. Continuous 2 m thermalsalinograph measurements and meteorological data such as atmospheric pressure at a height of 2 m and wind speed and direction at a height of 20 m were also recorded. The XBT profiles were recorded as analogue traces. The continuous "underway" data were digitized using an HP 5328 frequency counter and a 40 channel digital voltmeter, averaged over one-minute intervals and recorded, using an HP 9835 computer, on data cassettes.

Station positions were determined by Loran C fixes and are claimed to be accurate to within about 0.1 km. The probe on the Sippican Expendable Bathymeterograph (XBT) has an accuracy of $\pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ in temperature and $\pm 2\%$ or 4.6 m (whichever is greater) in depth. The 2 m underway sensors are from SEA-BIRD Electronics. The temperature sensor, a glass-coated thermistor bead, has an accuracy of $\pm 0.003^{\circ}\text{C}$; the conductivity sensor, a two-terminal flow-through electrode cell, has an accuracy of $\pm 0.003 \text{ mmho/cm}$.

The surface salinity from the bottom samples were determined ashore by a Guildline Model 8400 "Autosal" salinometer with an accuracy of ± 0.003 ppt. The Table on page 4 summarizes the various sensors available on the R/V ACANIA and their accuracy.

DATA PROCESSING

The XBT traces were digitized at the surface and points of inflection to an accuracy of 0.01°C by Fleet Numerical Oceanography Center (FNOC). These data were then transferred to the IBM 3033 mainframe at the Naval Postgraduate School and edited by removing obvious cast failures that were not identified during the cruise or digitization procedure. Approximately 96% of casts were retained in the data set.

The data have been transferred on digital tape to the National Oceanographic Data Center in Washington, DC.

DATA PRESENTATION

The cruise track, station locations and station numbers are shown in the first three figures of the next section. These figures are followed by a listing of the stations, with their coordinates, the date and time at which the station was occupied, and the surface information obtained at the station.

Vertical profiles of temperature from the XBT casts are shown in staggered fashion. The location of these profiles may be found by reference to the various maps of the cruise track. Transect extremes are identified as nearly as possible. The first profile on each plot is shown with its temperature unchanged; to each subsequent profile an appropriate multiple of 5°C has been added.

Isotherms for each transect are shown in the Figure 6. Based on instrument accuracy and the vertical temperature gradient, it is estimated that the depths of isotherms in the main thermocline are uncertain to $\pm 20\text{m}$. The tick marks identify station positions and, again, the transect extremes are shown on these plots. The data presentation concludes with a plot of mean and \pm standard deviation profiles of temperature from XBT's.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ABOARD THE R/V ACANIA

Instrument	Variable	Sensor	Accuracy	Resolution
*Neil Brown CTD	pressure temperature	strain gage thermistor	1.6 db 0.005 C	0.025 db 0.0005 C
Mark IIIb	conductivity	electrode cell	0.005 mmho	0.001 mmho
Sippican BT	temperature depth	thermistor descent speed	0.2 C max. of 4.6 m and 2% of depth	
Guildline Autosal	conductivity	electrode cell	0.003 ppt	0.0002 ppt
* Amatek Straza ADVP	velocity profiles to 100m	4 beam sonar	3 cm/sec relative to ship speed	3 cm/sec
* Rosemount Sensor	sea surface temperature	platinum thermometer	0.05 C	0.005 C
Sea-Bird Sensors	temperature conductivity at 2 meters	thermistor electrode cell	0.003 C 0.003 mmho	0.0005 C 0.0005 mmho
Rosemount Sensor	air temperature	thermometer	0.01 C	
Kavolico Barometer	atmospheric pressure	pressure transducer	1.5 mb	0.1 mb
1200 EPS Hygrometer	dew point	condensation temp. sensor	0.2 C	0.02 C
Meteorology Res. Inc.	wind speed	anemometer	0.15 mph or 1%	
Meteorology Res. Inc.	wind direction	vane	2.5 degrees	
Internav LC408 LORAN C	position	two chain LORAN receiver	100 meters	10 meters
Motorola Miniranger	position	microwave transponders	4 meters	2 meters

* Not operating on OPTOMA1 cruise.

OPTOMA1

8 TO 13 MARCH, 1982

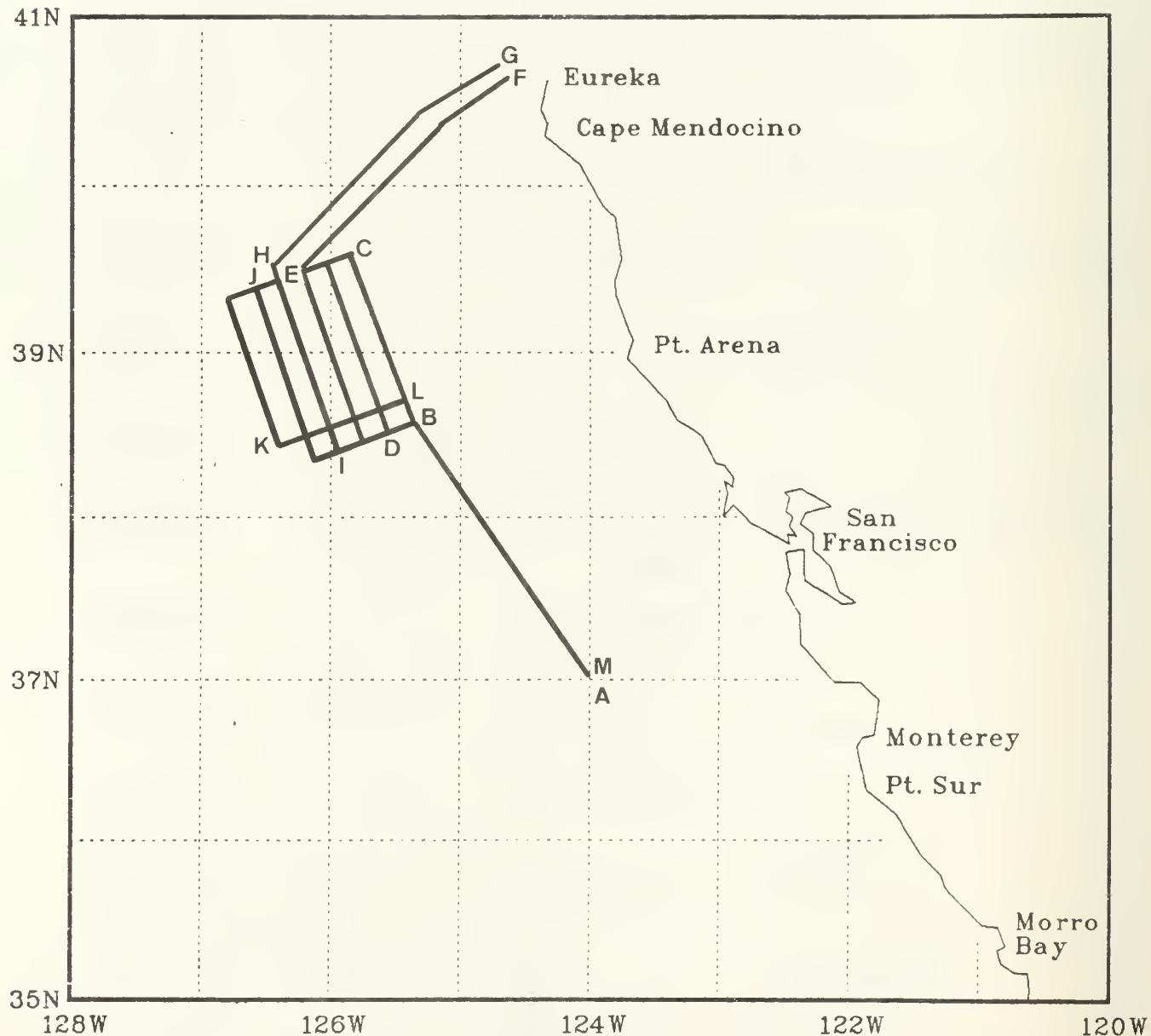


Figure 2:

Cruise track for OPTOMA1 with transect extremes identified by letter.

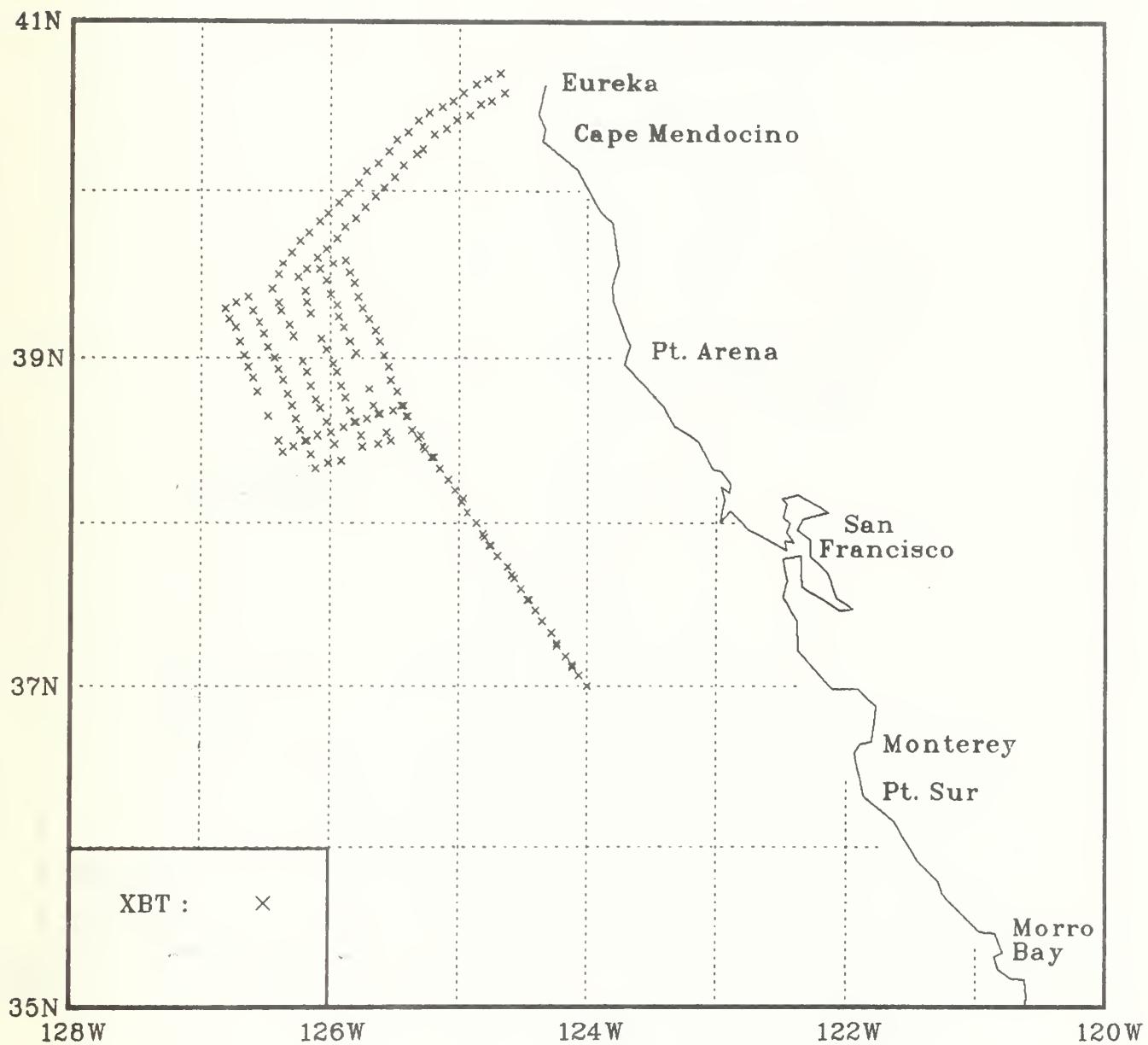


Figure 3:

XBT locations for OPTOMA1.

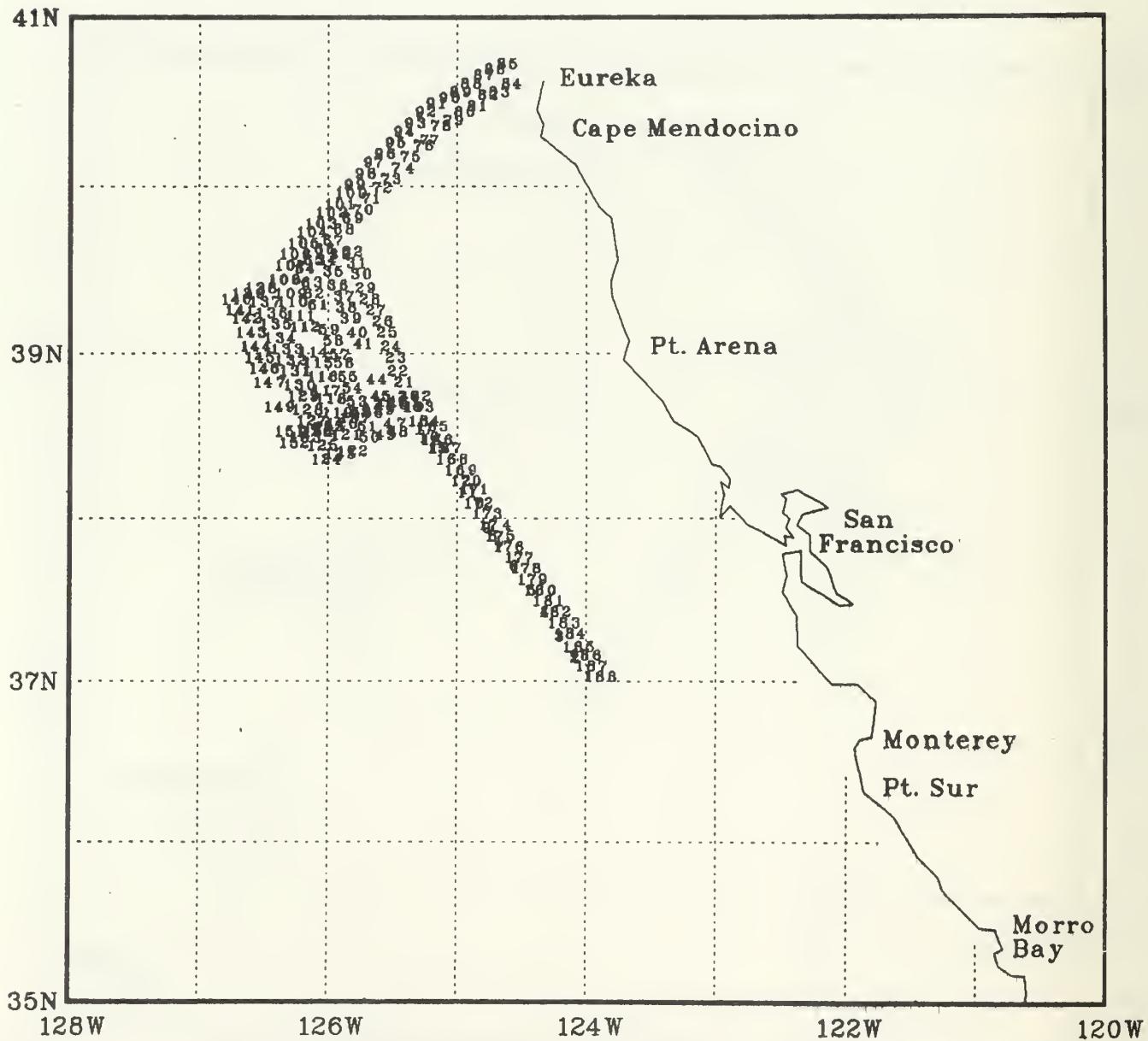


Figure 4:
Station numbers for OPTOMA1.

XBT STATION LISTING

STN	TYPE	YR/DAY	GMT	LAT (NORTH)	LONG (WEST)	SURFACE TEMP (DEG C)	BUCKET TEMP (DEG C)	BOTTLE SALINITY (PPT)
1	XBT	82067	1504	37.00	124.00	12.3	12.2	-----
2	XBT	82067	1606	37.07	124.07	12.0	12.0	-----
3	XBT	82067	1708	37.15	124.14	12.3	12.4	-----
4	XBT	82067	1818	37.24	124.21	12.2	12.3	-----
5	XBT	82067	1919	37.32	124.27	12.6	12.8	-----
6	XBT	82067	2020	37.41	124.35	13.0	13.2	32.73
7	XBT	82067	2122	37.48	124.42	12.5	13.0	-----
8	XBT	82067	2153	37.52	124.45	12.6	12.8	-----
9	XBT	82067	2219	37.55	124.48	12.5	12.6	-----
10	XBT	82067	2322	38.04	124.56	11.3	11.7	-----
11	XBT	82067	2352	38.08	124.59	11.6	11.7	-----
12	XBT	82067	23	38.12	125.02	12.0	11.9	-----
15	XBT	82067	158	38.24	125.13	11.5	11.4	-----
16	XBT	82067	229	38.28	125.17	11.4	11.5	-----
17	XBT	82067	254	38.31	125.19	11.4	11.6	-----
18	XBT	82067	329	38.34	125.22	11.5	11.5	-----
19	XBT	82067	406	38.39	125.24	11.5	11.4	-----
20	XBT	82067	431	38.43	125.27	11.2	11.3	-----
21	XBT	82067	506	38.48	125.29	11.2	11.2	-----
22	XBT	82067	532	38.52	125.32	11.2	11.2	-----
23	XBT	82067	600	38.57	125.33	11.2	11.2	-----
24	XBT	82067	631	39.01	125.35	11.0	11.2	32.75
25	XBT	82067	703	39.06	125.37	11.2	11.1	32.72
26	XBT	82067	730	39.10	125.39	11.1	11.1	32.75
27	XBT	82068	801	39.14	125.42	11.0	11.1	32.75
28	XBT	82068	829	39.18	125.45	11.2	11.2	32.78
29	XBT	82068	856	39.22	125.47	11.1	11.1	32.77
30	XBT	82068	925	39.27	125.49	10.9	11.1	32.75
31	XBT	82068	955	39.31	125.51	11.1	11.1	32.78
32	XBT	82068	1026	39.35	125.53	11.1	11.1	-----
33	XBT	82068	1056	39.34	125.59	11.1	11.1	32.78
34	XBT	82068	1127	39.32	126.05	11.2	11.2	32.81
35	XBT	82068	1209	39.28	126.02	11.0	11.0	32.73
36	XBT	82068	1244	39.23	126.00	11.1	11.0	32.73
37	XBT	82068	1315	39.19	125.57	11.1	11.0	32.71
38	XBT	82068	1349	39.15	125.56	11.0	11.1	32.67
39	XBT	82068	1416	39.11	125.54	11.2	11.4	32.69
40	XBT	82068	1452	39.06	125.51	11.5	11.4	32.69
41	XBT	82068	1521	39.02	125.48	11.5	11.4	32.70
44	XBT	82068	1702	38.49	125.42	11.6	11.5	32.72
45	XBT	82068	1732	38.43	125.40	11.6	11.5	32.71
46	XBT	82068	1806	38.40	125.38	11.6	11.5	32.71
47	XBT	82068	1859	38.33	125.34	11.5	11.5	32.70
48	XBT	82068	1924	38.30	125.32	11.6	11.5	32.71

STN	TYPE	YR/DAY	GMT	LAT (NORTH)	LONG (WEST)	SURFACE TEMP (DEG C)	BUCKET TEMP (DEG C)	BOTTLE SALINITY (PPT)
49	XBT	82068	2006	38.29	125.38	11.5	11.5	32.71
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51	XBT	82068	2115	38.32	125.46	11.5	11.5	32.72
52	XBT	82068	2146	38.37	125.49	11.6	11.5	32.73
53	XBT	82068	2216	38.41	125.51	11.6	11.6	32.76
54	XBT	82068	2248	38.46	125.53	11.9	11.6	32.75
55	XBT	82068	2319	38.50	125.55	11.9	11.6	32.74
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57	XBT	82068	19	38.58	125.59	11.6	11.5	32.74
58	XBT	82068	51	39.03	126.02	11.6	11.4	32.72
59	XBT	82068	122	39.07	126.04	11.7	11.4	32.76
61	XBT	82068	235	39.16	126.09	11.5	11.3	32.70
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70	XBT	82068	732	39.50	125.48	11.4	11.0	32.70
71	XBT	82069	801	39.54	125.44	11.1	11.0	32.72
72	XBT	82069	835	39.58	125.39	11.2	11.0	32.73
73	XBT	82069	907	40.01	125.35	11.2	11.0	32.76
74	XBT	82069	942	40.05	125.30	11.3	11.1	32.73
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84	XBT	82069	1450	40.35	124.39	11.0	11.1	32.71
85	XBT	82069	2023	40.42	124.41	10.9	11.2	32.74
86	XBT	82069	2059	40.40	124.47	11.1	11.1	32.72
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91	XBT	82069	2338	40.28	125.14	11.5	11.5	32.69
92	XBT	82069	13	40.25	125.19	11.7	11.7	32.72
93	XBT	82069	48	40.21	125.24	12.0	11.8	32.71
94	XBT	82069	117	40.18	125.29	12.0	11.8	32.70
95	XBT	82069	151	40.14	125.33	12.3	11.7	32.70
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101	XBT	82069	504	39.52	126.01	11.5	11.4	32.65
102	XBT	82069	529	39.49	126.05	11.5	11.3	32.66
103	XBT	82069	603	39.45	126.10	11.4	11.2	32.66
104	XBT	82069	630	39.42	126.14	11.5	11.3	32.68
105	XBT	82069	704	39.38	126.18	11.2	11.2	32.65
106	XBT	82069	748	39.34	126.22	11.7	11.4	32.66
107	XBT	82070	816	39.30	126.24	11.6	11.4	32.66
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110	XBT	82070	947	39.17	126.23	11.7	11.6	32.67
111	XBT	82070	1023	39.12	126.19	11.5	11.6	32.67
112	XBT	82070	1050	39.08	126.17	11.8	11.6	32.68
114	XBT	82070	1151	38.59	126.13	11.7	11.5	32.66
115	XBT	82070	1218	38.55	126.11	11.6	11.5	32.66
116	XBT	82070	1340	38.50	126.09	12.0	11.7	32.73
117	XBT	82070	1418	38.45	126.07	12.3	11.9	32.74
118	XBT	82070	1443	38.42	126.05	11.8	11.7	32.69
119	XBT	82070	1514	38.37	126.02	11.9	11.7	32.69
120	XBT	82070	1542	38.33	126.00	12.0	11.9	32.73
121	XBT	82070	1612	38.29	125.58	11.9	11.9	32.74
122	XBT	82070	1649	38.23	125.55	12.0	11.9	32.71
123	XBT	82070	1724	38.22	126.01	11.9	11.8	32.72
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125	XBT	82070	1827	38.25	126.09	12.1	12.0	32.75
126	XBT	82070	1858	38.30	126.12	11.9	11.9	32.74
127	XBT	82070	1925	38.34	126.14	11.9	11.9	32.72
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132	XBT	82070	252	38.56	126.24	11.7	11.3	32.74
133	XBT	82070	454	39.00	126.26	11.5	11.7	32.73
134	XBT	82070	651	39.04	126.29	11.2	11.1	32.71
135	XBT	82071	840	39.09	126.31	11.1	10.4	32.65
136	XBT	82071	1029	39.13	126.33	10.9	10.6	32.67
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142	XBT	82071	1655	39.11	126.44	11.2	11.0	32.72
143	XBT	82071	1723	39.06	126.42	11.2	11.1	32.57
144	XBT	82071	1754	39.01	126.40	11.0	10.8	32.65
145	XBT	82071	1823	38.57	126.38	11.3	----	32.76
146	XBT	82071	1849	38.53	126.36	11.6	11.4	32.75

STN	TYPE	YR/DAY	GMT	LAT	LONG	SURFACE	BUCKET	BOTTLE
				(NORTH)	(WEST)	TEMP (DEG C)	TEMP (DEG C)	SALINITY (PPT)
147	XBT	82071	1916	38.48	126.34	11.9	11.5	32.78
149	XBT	82071	2020	38.39	126.29	11.4	11.2	32.71
151	XBT	82071	2121	38.30	126.24	11.5	11.3	32.71
152	XBT	82071	2142	38.26	126.22	11.5	11.3	32.74
153	XBT	82071	2215	38.28	126.17	11.6	11.4	32.76
154	XBT	82071	2250	38.30	126.11	11.6	11.5	32.74
155	XBT	82071	2322	38.32	126.06	11.6	11.4	32.72
157	XBT	82071	35	38.35	125.54	11.7	11.5	32.74
158	XBT	82071	100	38.37	125.48	11.7	11.3	32.74
159	XBT	82071	137	38.38	125.43	11.5	11.3	32.76
160	XBT	82071	208	38.40	125.37	11.4	11.3	32.73
161	XBT	82071	247	38.41	125.31	11.4	11.2	32.70
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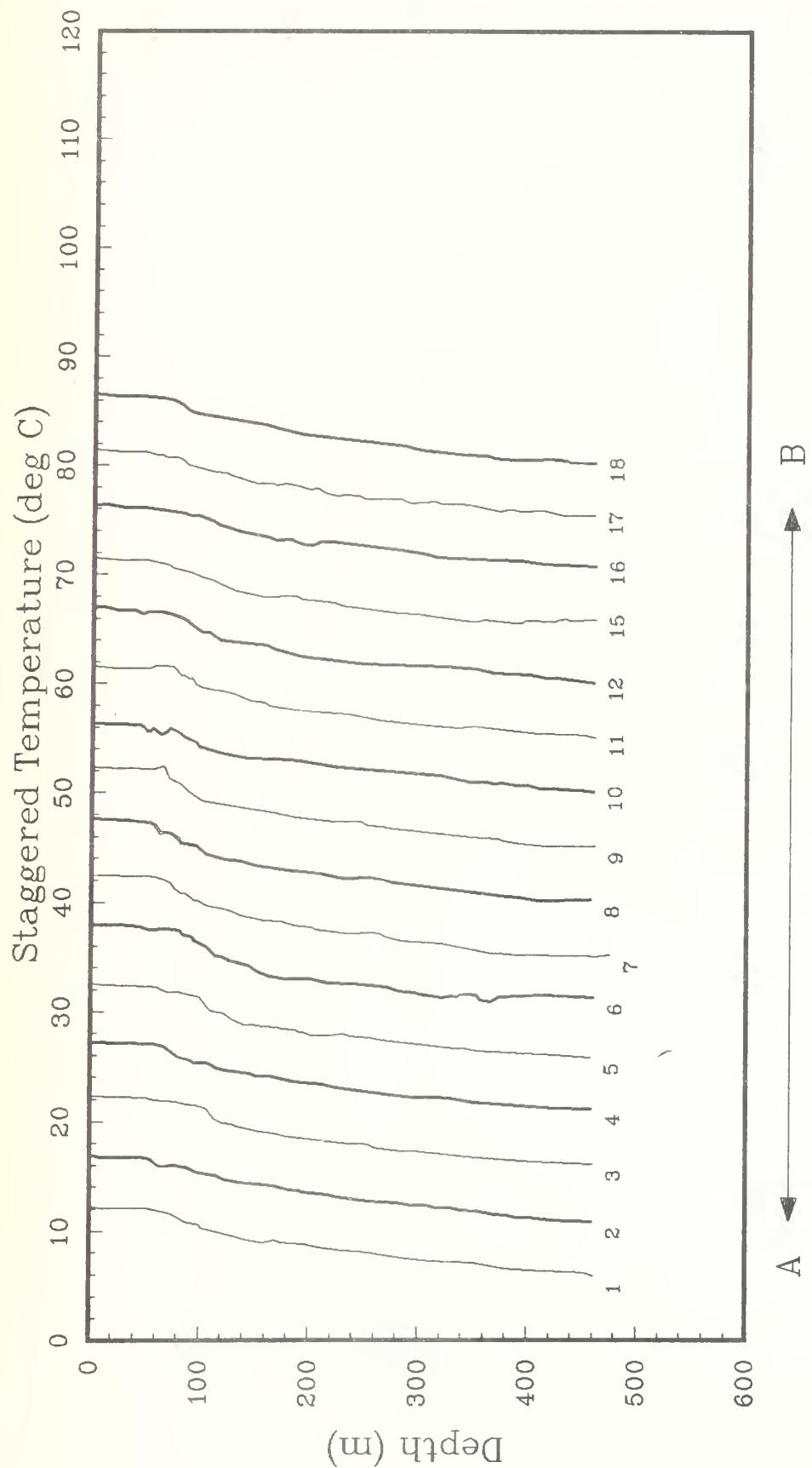


Figure 5(a):

Staggered temperature profiles from the XBTs. Profiles are staggered by a multiple of 5C.

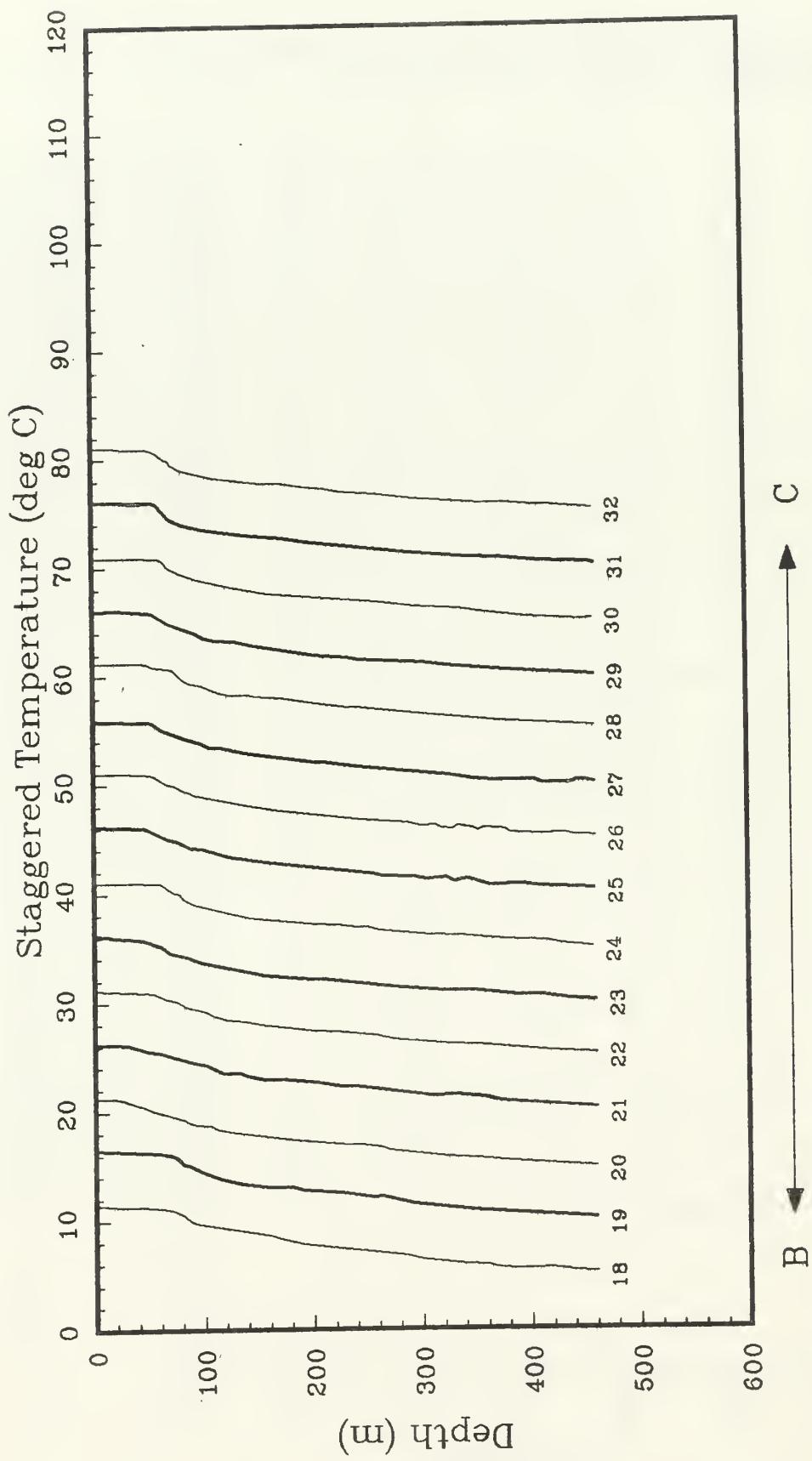


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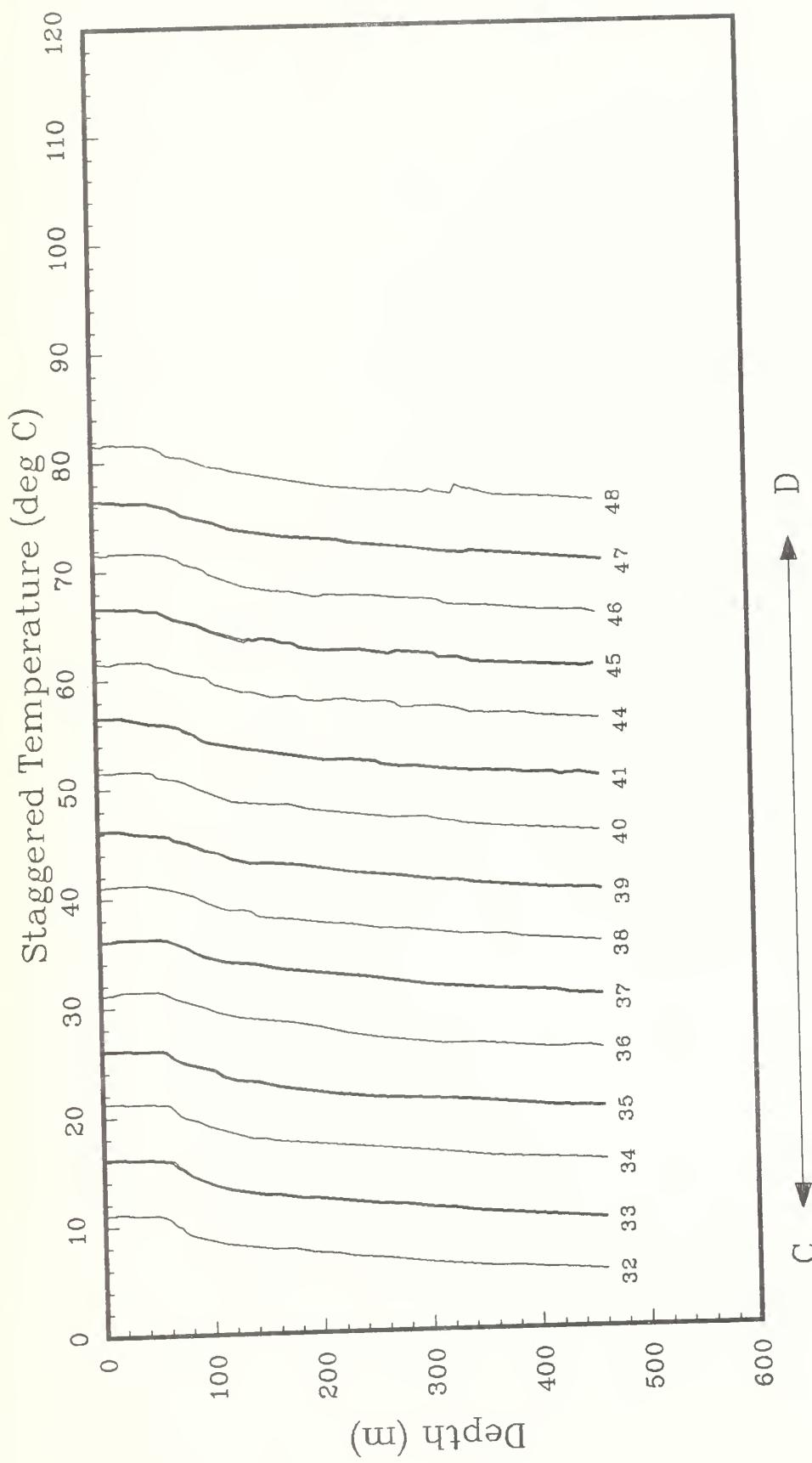


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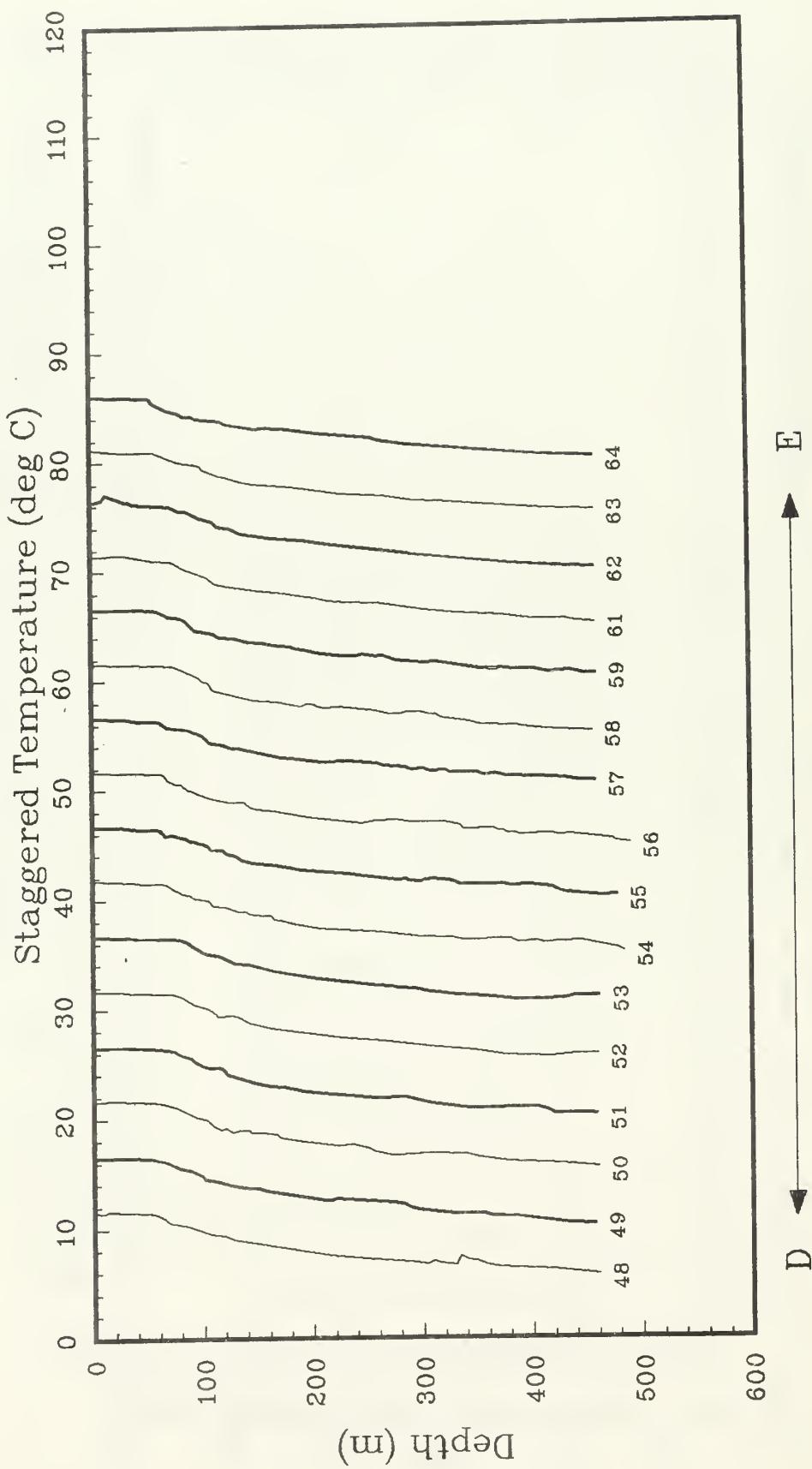


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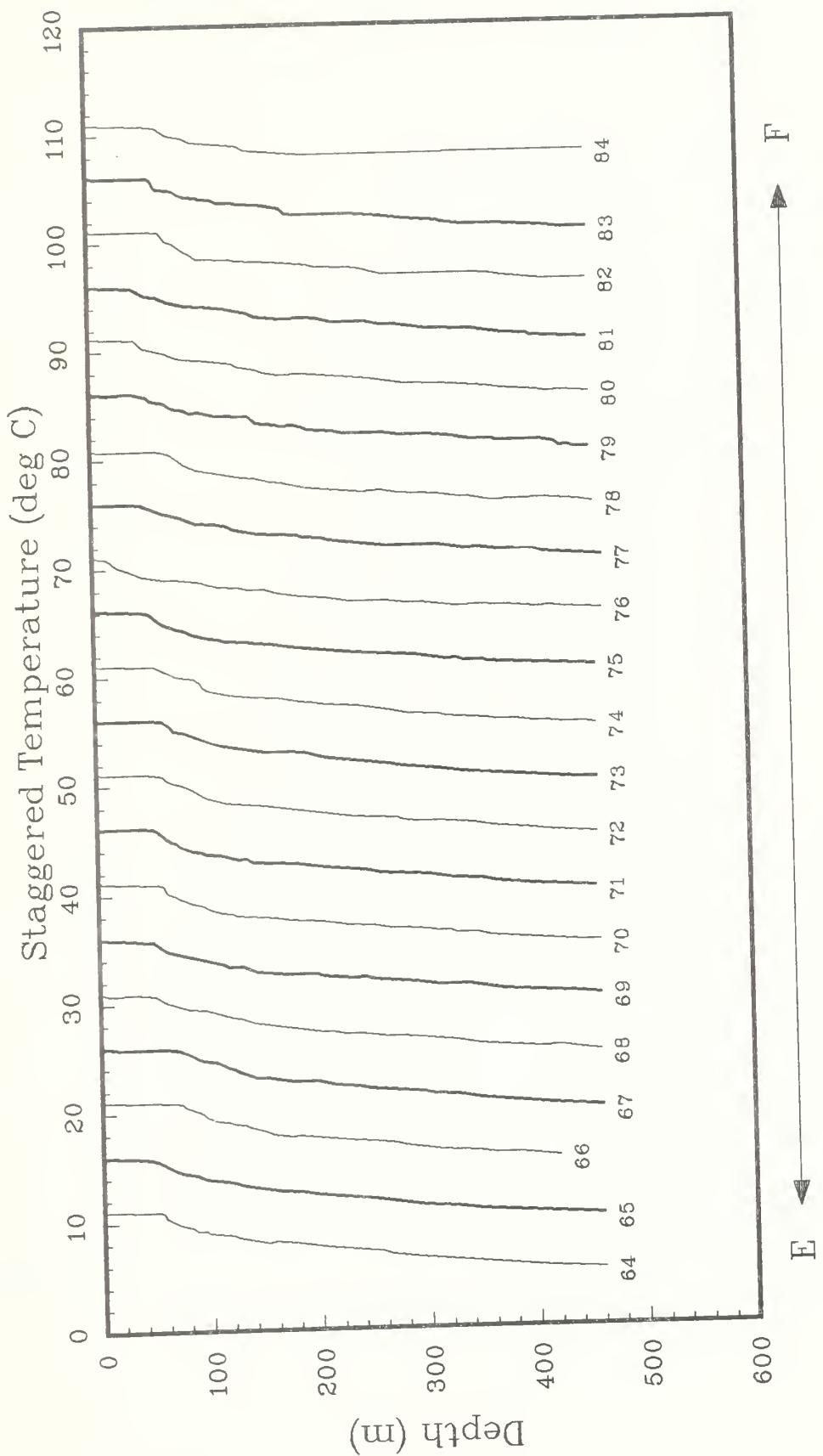


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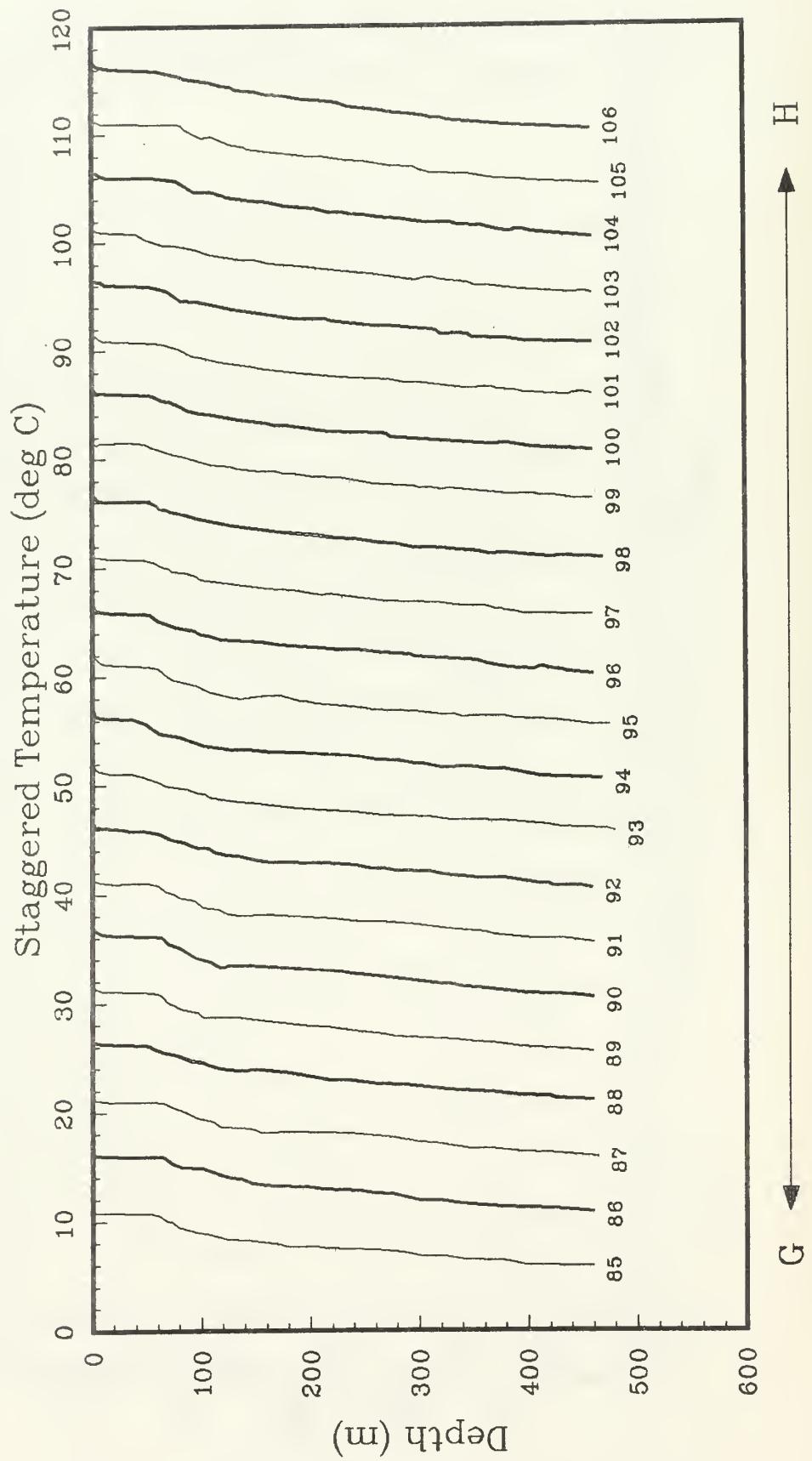


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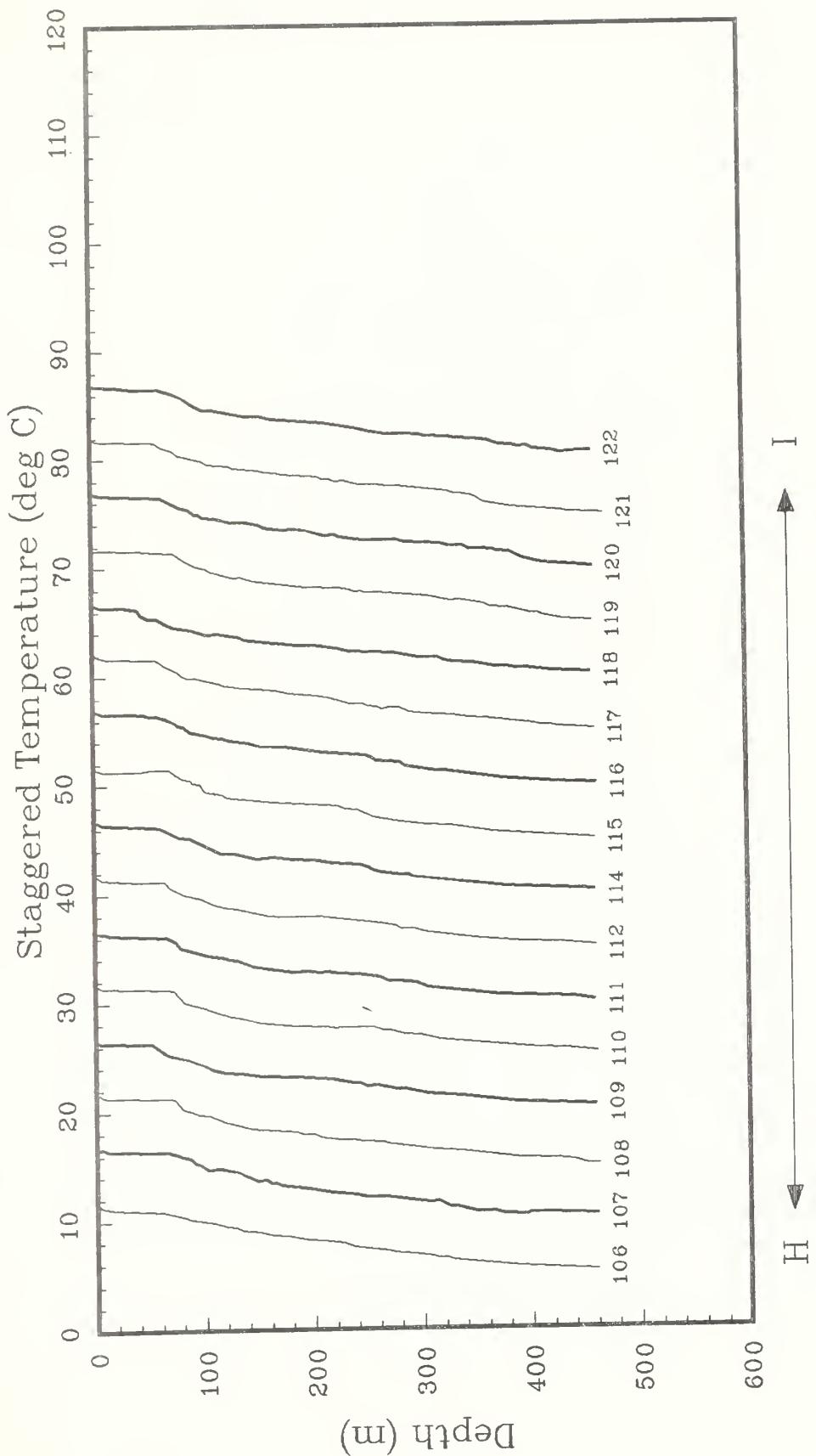


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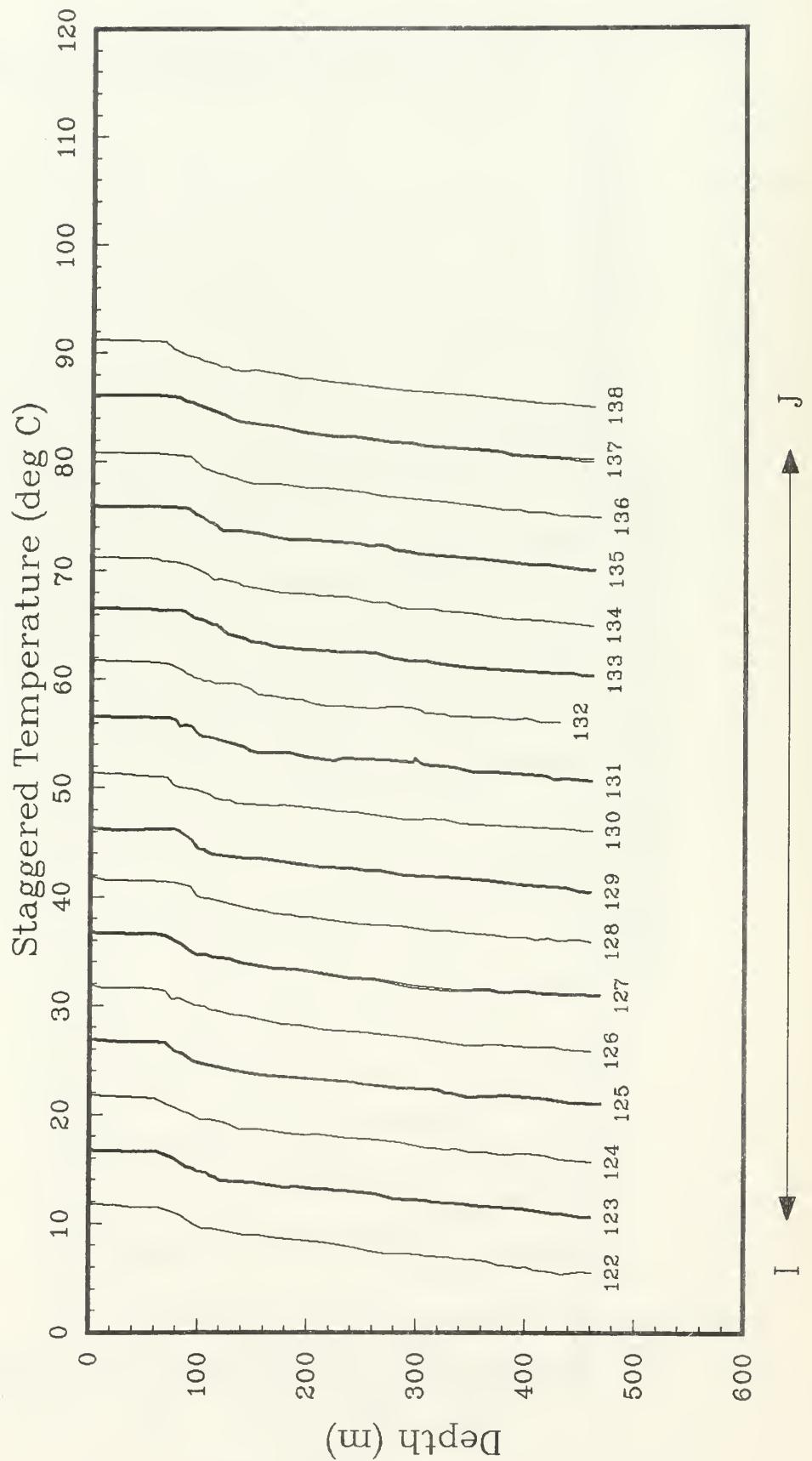


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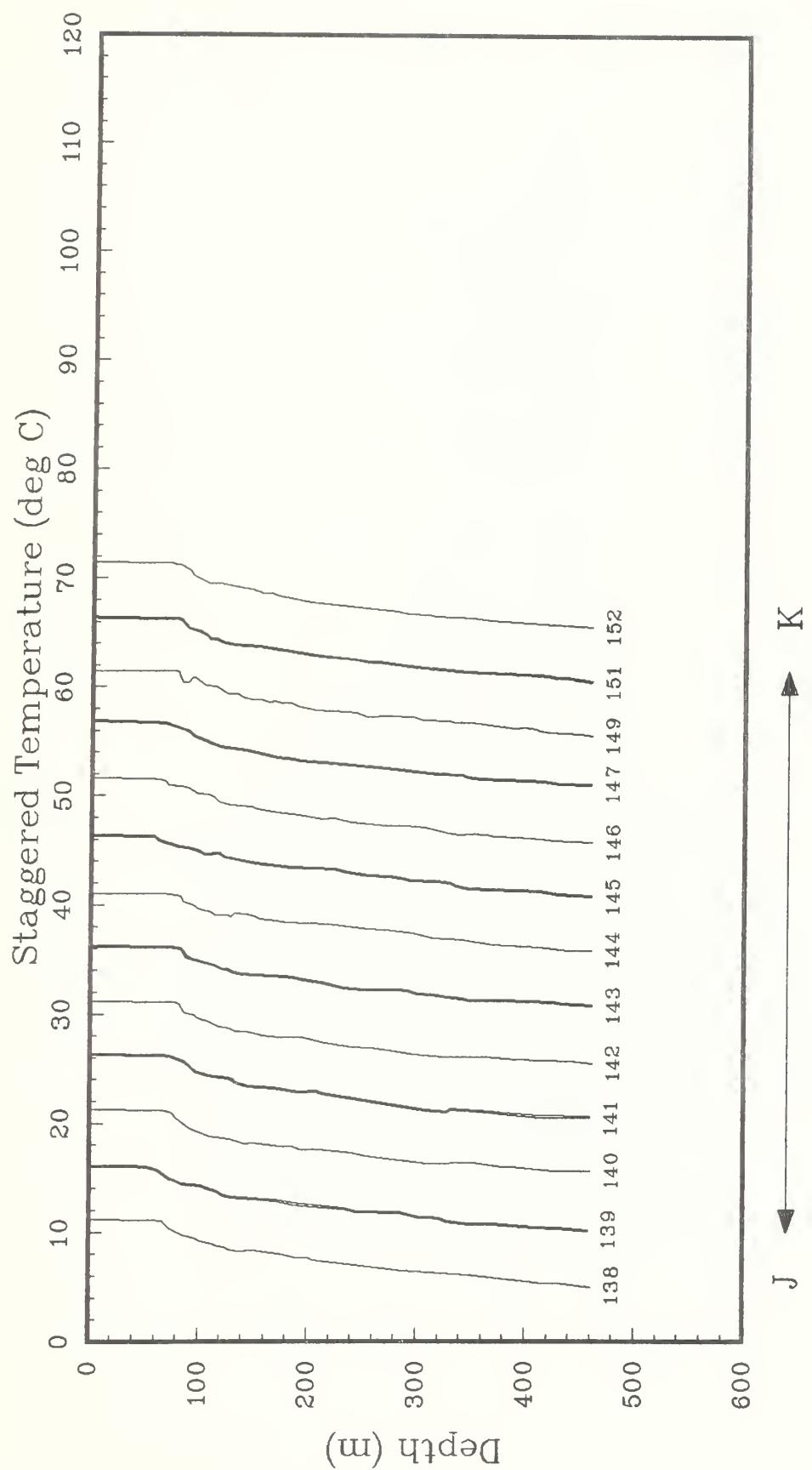


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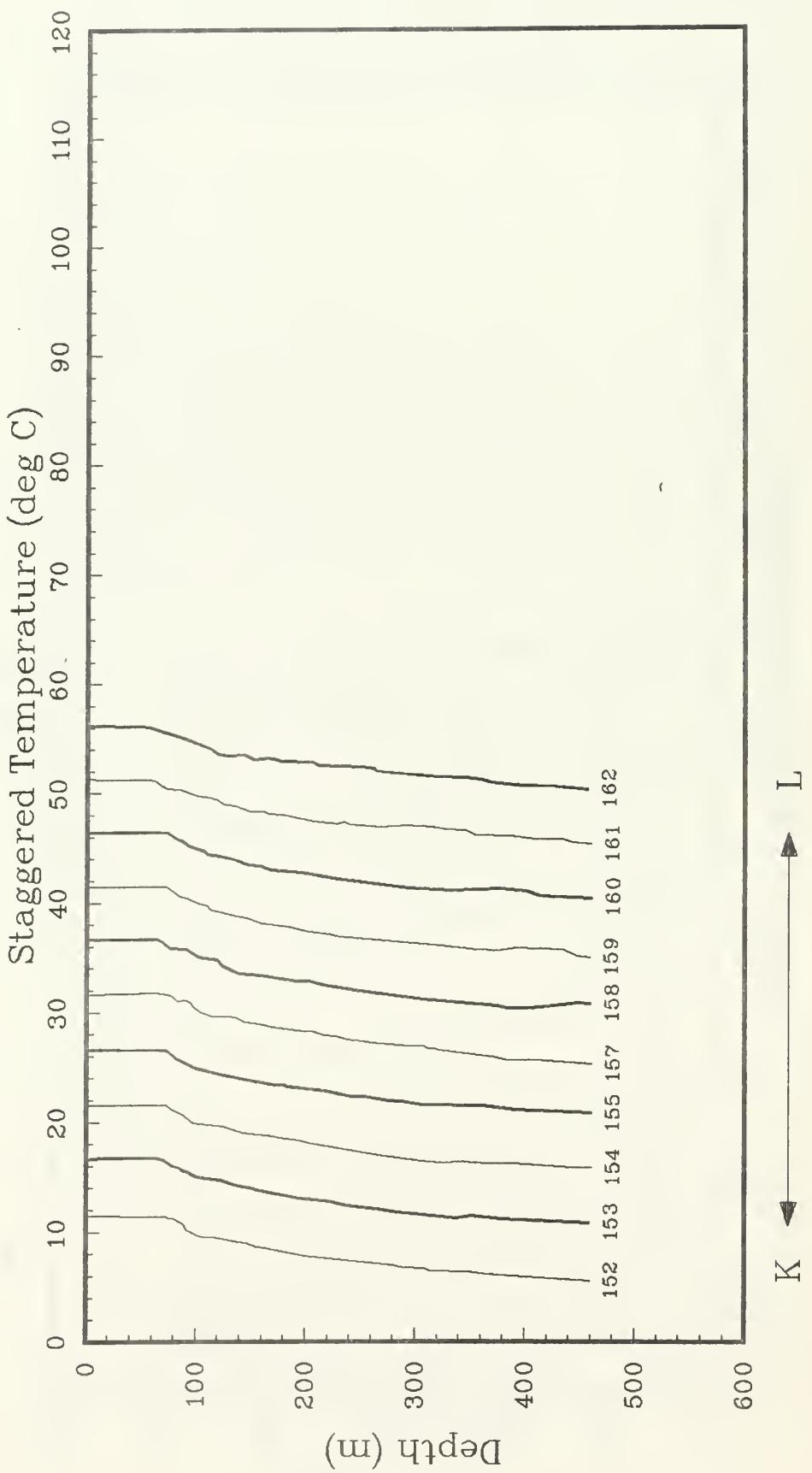


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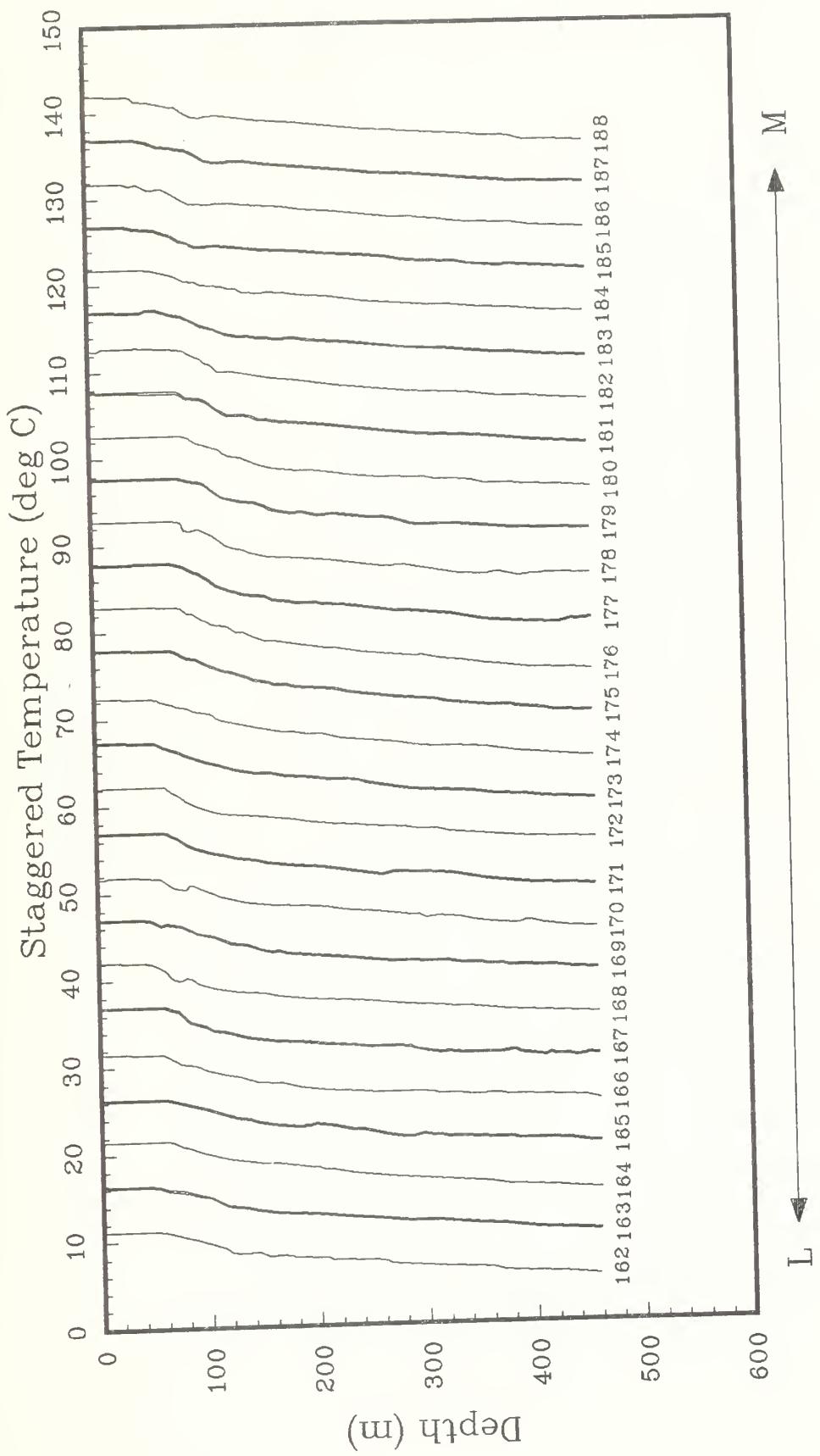


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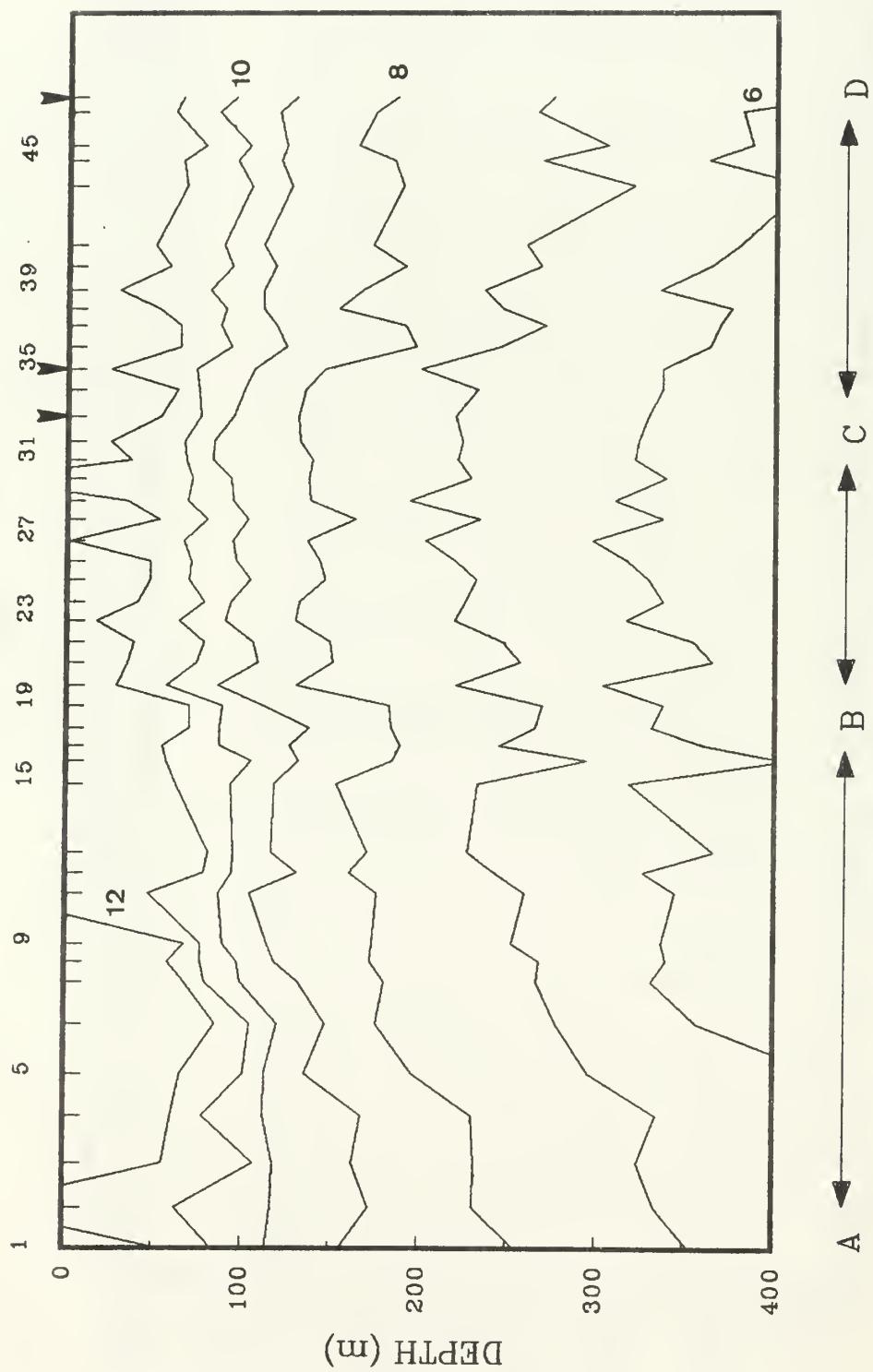


Figure 6(a):

Isotherms from XBTs. Tick marks along horizontal axis show station positions. Some station numbers are shown. Arrows indicate the positions where the cruise track changed direction.

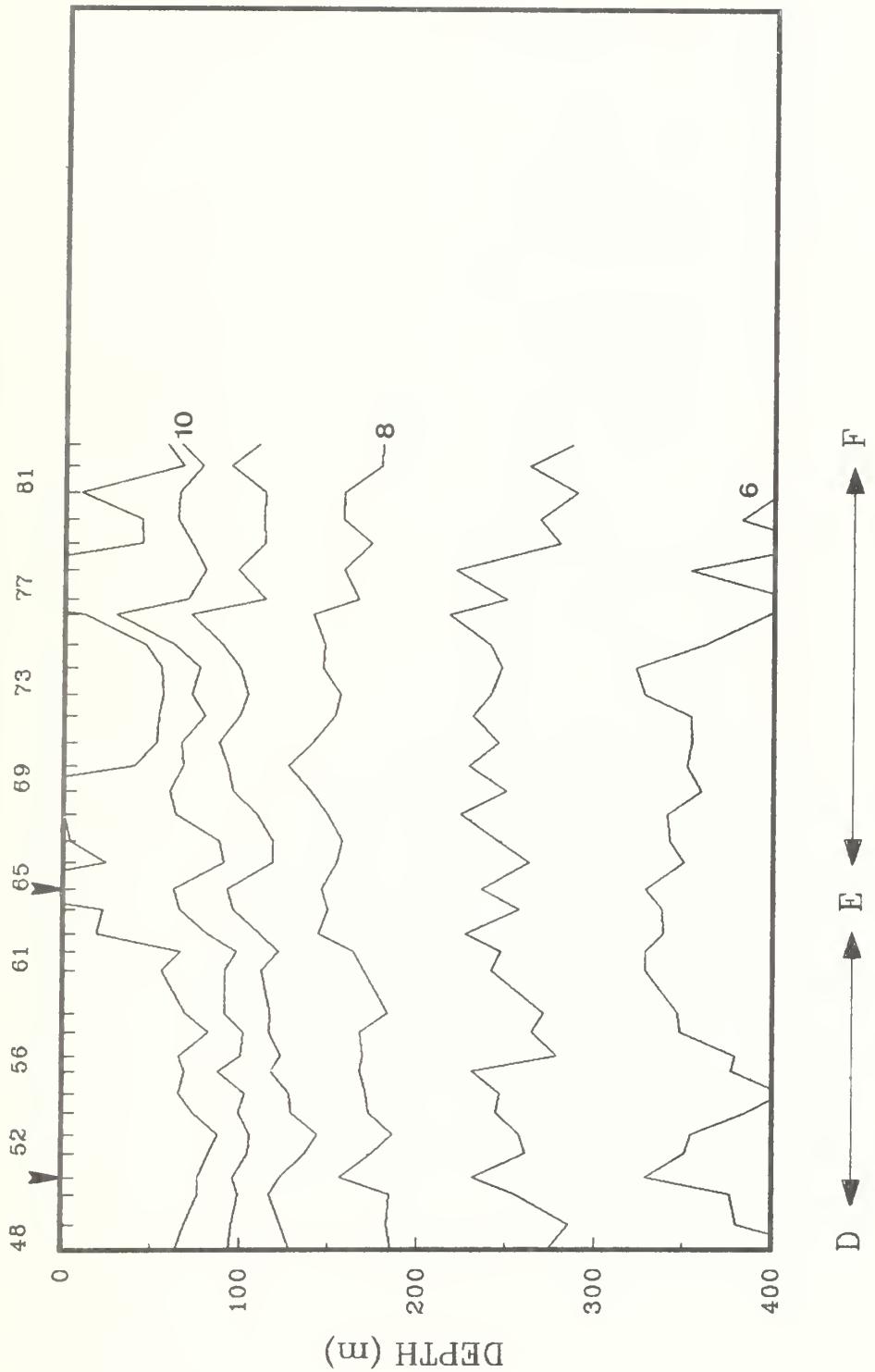
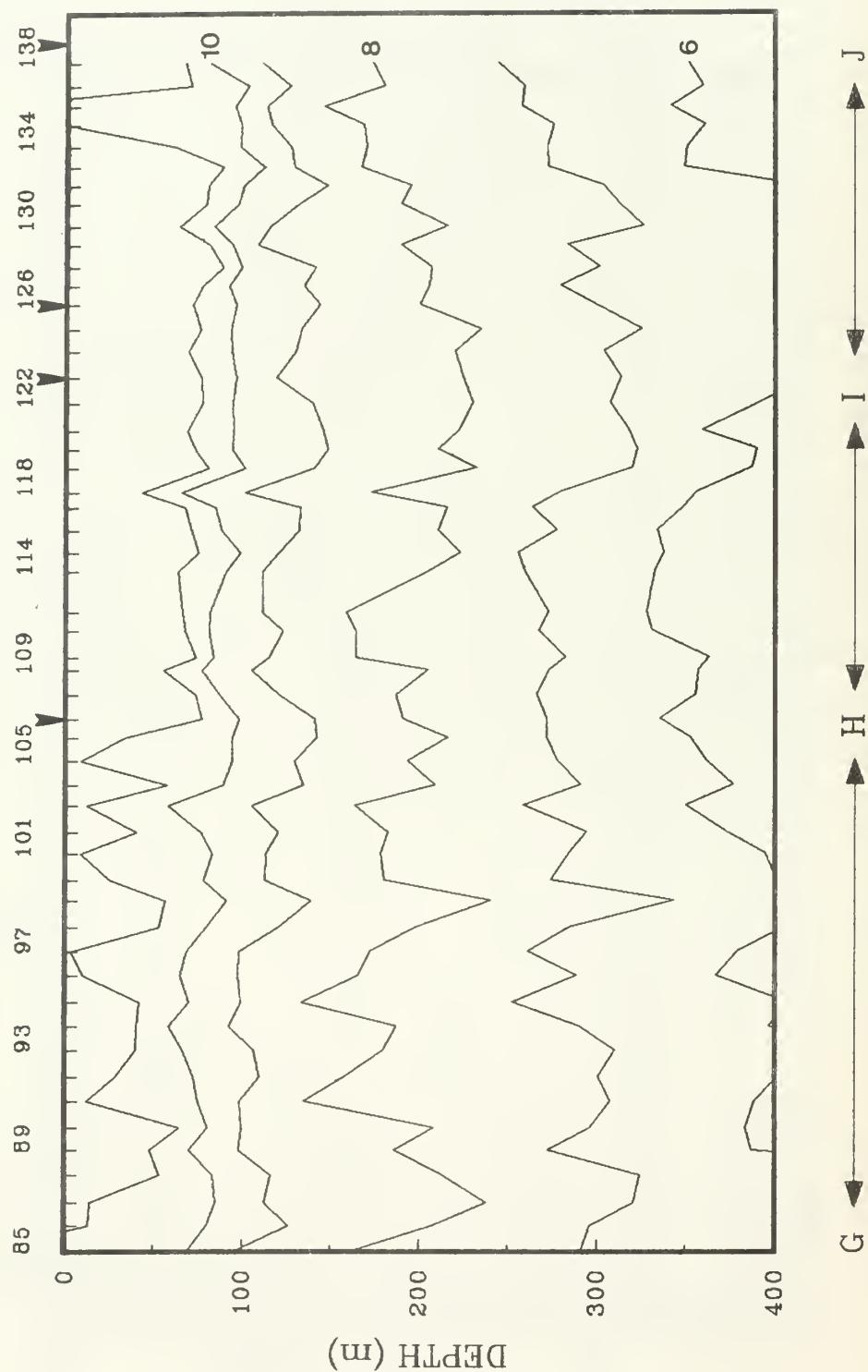


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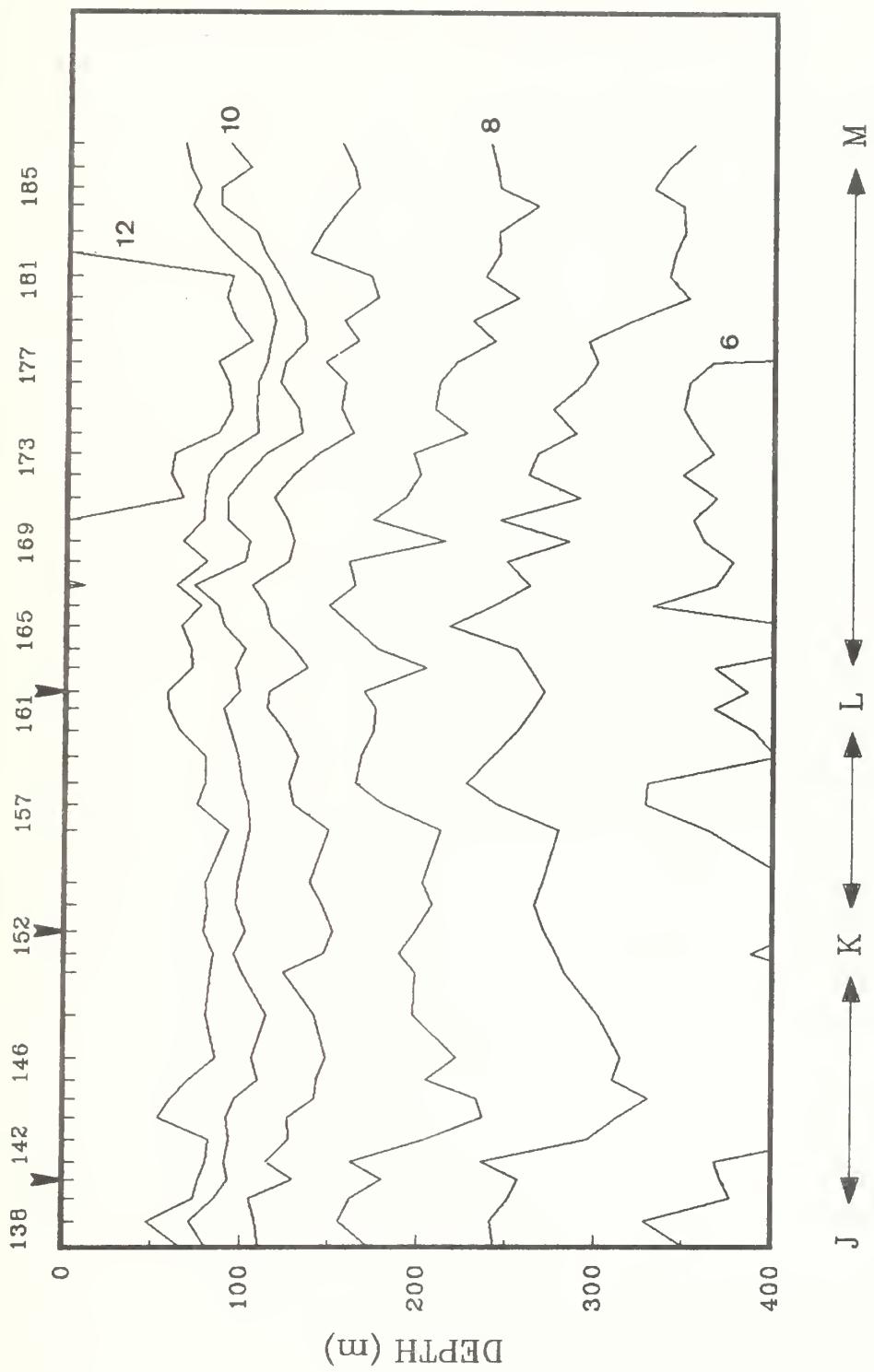


Figure 6(d).



Figure 7:
Profiles of $\bar{T}(z)$ with + and - the standard deviation.

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